

*The Mayo College Mail wishes you a very happy Children's Day!*

## Editorial.....

Hey Mayoites!

Here we are with another issue of The Mayo College Mail!

This week has actually been a quite exasperating one. The Prize Giving and the Half-Yearlies are just round the corner. Well, this is a challenging time for all of us. The more we work, the luckier we'll get.

And not to forget it is time to stay warmly cald, even in the afternoons. This week was a really chilly one and with the showers adding on. We witnessed some great skill and sportsmanship in the cricket inter-house, the following week.

Our ex- vice principal, Mr. D.Mathur, was comemorated for his service in the field of education. A stamp was published by the Indian Postal Association featuring him, at a function in the Assembly Hall. This is a great achievement for him as well as Mayo Colledge.

The H1N1 influenza has caused many fears and rumours. But, this is not a time to panic, but to be strong and take all the precautions. The school is taking all possible measures against this pandemic.

Lastly, we would like to wish everyone a very Happy Children's Day, and best of luck for the exams.

Regards,

The Mayo College Mail Team



## Happy Children's Day!

## The Big Band



The Big Band of the school "Gymnasium bei St. Michael" from Schwabisch Hall, Germany visited Mayo College, Ajmer, between 3rd and 4th of November . The group is on an invitation from Max Mueller Bhavan. They came to Ajmer after performing in Mumbai, Chennai and Delhi.

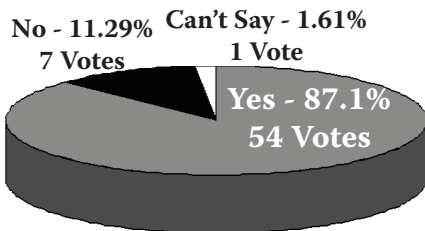
The Orchestra comprised of 23 members, between the age group of 13 years to 19 years. They played instruments like Trombones, Trumpets, Saxophones, Flutes, Piano, Drums, Congo, Lead Guitar, Bass Guitar and Various Side Rhythms. The Orchestra played modern music which comprised of classical, popular and film music.

To begin with they started by a power point presentation telling about their country followed by their city and then their school. After that, they played the National Anthems of India and Germany. In continuation to this they gave the final performance of modern music which lasted for an hour. The performance was outstanding and left the audience spellbound.



## OPINION POLL

*Next poll* - Half Yearlies and PG Activities - do you think the schedule is too jam-packed?



*Next poll* - Is the new CCE (Continuous Comprehensive Evaluation) grading system, a boon?

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## CURRENT NEWS

Congratulations to Mr. S. Arora on being appointed as the Director of Academics!

The Half-Yearly exams are scheduled to be held from the 16th of November. It's time to gear up!

The Morning Assembly has been discontinued till further notice.

As a precaution against the H1N1 influenza, all parents were informed not to visit their ward. All the outings and public gatherings have been cancelled, till further notice.

## SUN-Sign CHECK

### Aquarius

Focus your energy on helping your new friends get together with your old friends.

### Pisces

Don't be afraid to dream big! If you're on a team or working with people on a project at school, be sure you give everyone your full support to help them succeed.

### Aries

When you're angry, it takes you a while to calm down and even then you may feel like you want to hold a grudge. Try really hard to let people know when you're starting to get annoyed.

### Taurus

You love doing little special things for people, so why not make a card for a friend or family member who's having a tough time this week?

### Gemini

This week how about looking for a way to introduce new friends to old ones? With your powers of communication, you can probably get them to feel comfortable with each other.

### Cancer

You start to feel like you're always the one who is nice, while other people are being rude or mean. Being really sensitive to other people's feelings is a good thing.

### Leo

People may think you're always a dreamer, but when you go into "get it done" mode, no one works harder! Go with the feeling and you'll be amazed at what you can achieve!

### Virgo

You love being successful, and you're really good at setting goals for yourself. This week your friends may come to you for advice about how to do things the way you do.

### Libra

You're usually pretty easy-going, but actually you don't like it very much when people tell you what to do. Before you ignore what they're saying, why not listen to their advice?

### Scorpio

If you've got a special art or history assignment, how about making a trip to the museum or an art gallery for some extra ideas? This will help you be creative.

### Sagittarius

You always approach things head-on, which is great, but sometimes people may not be quite ready for that much energy!

### Capricorn

You may have a tough time this week staying indoors even though it's cold outside, Cap. If you just can't stand it, be sure you dress warmly and don't stay out too long!

# UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF LIFE

-Raghav Choudhary

It is not unusual to live in a life full of contradictions, but what may be unusual or unique is one's engagement with life and its subsequent blossoming.

My experience of eighteen years in this world:

I have lived in a house spread over 7 acres yet I do not fail to notice everyday the thousands with no roof over their heads. I think deeply about the problem of unemployment and consider the role I can play.

I watch the depraved condition of Indian politics. Recently however I have observed businessmen who, with no personal gain in view, have entered politics solely for the sake of their country. I admire them and hope that one day I may follow their footsteps and wonder whether power corrupts.

I have seen a society which is materialistic and ostentatious while I have also seen spiritual simplicity in my home. I wonder whether there really is a connection between wealth and happiness.

My grandmother has not finished high school; she believes that the role of a woman is to stand by her husband and raise her children the best way she knows how. My younger sister is currently pursuing her PhD. in 'Values in Education' and believes that one must be true in one's own inner rhythm of development. How is that I love and admire both?

World trade is opening up its borders and quotas are going to die yet I watch small manufacturing firms such as my father's struggle to survive. I see him and learn what it is to endure, persevere and innovate.

I have a lot of friends who I love and admire me but the one I love is in love with another. The irony of human relationships fascinates me. I wonder why there are so many expectations. Are there such things as love purity and simplicity?

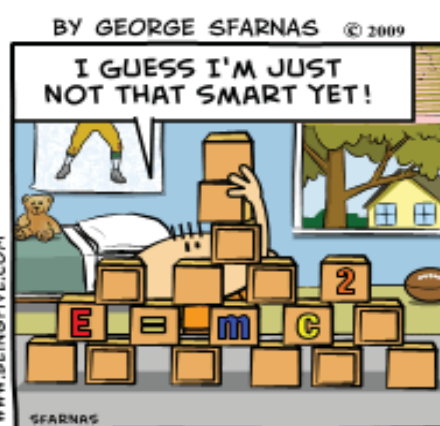
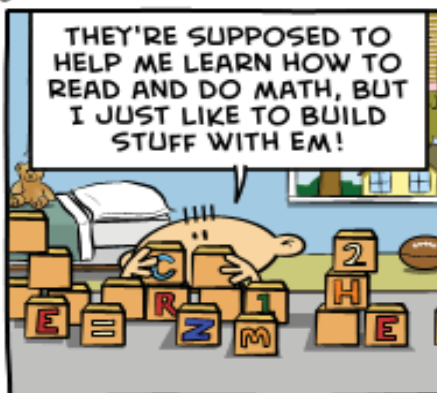
I have always been in the top 5% in class in terms of acumen, but I know next to nothing About the significance of scientific research in Antarctica, or the solution to the problem in Sudan or Kashmir. I consider whether brilliance is merely academic achievement.

I observe life in all its complexity, brimming with questions which are waiting to be answered. And I see me, Raghav Choudhary.

I detect an urge in me to constantly search for an answer, an answer to life's multiple questions, a quest to search for its meaning and purpose....

## COMIC STRIP - BEING FIVE

BEING FIVE A BOY AND HIS BLOG



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## Last Respects

*One day not too long ago the employees of a large company in St. Louis, Missouri returned from their lunch break and were greeted with a sign on the front door. The sign said: "Yesterday the person who has been hindering your growth in this company passed away. We invite you to join the funeral in the room that has been prepared in the gym."*

*At first everyone was sad to hear that one of their colleagues had died, but after a while they started getting curious about who this person might be.*

*The excitement grew as the employees arrived at the gym to pay their last respects. Everyone wondered: "Who is this person who was hindering my progress? Well, at least he's no longer here!"*

*One by one the employees got closer to the coffin and when they looked inside it they suddenly became speechless. They stood over the coffin, shocked and in silence, as if someone had touched the deepest part of their soul.*

*There was a mirror inside the coffin: everyone who looked inside it could see himself. There was also a sign next to the mirror that said: "There is only one person who is capable to set limits to your growth: it is YOU."*

*You are the only person who can revolutionize your life. You are the only person who can influence your happiness, your realization and your success. You are the only person who can help yourself.*

*Your life does not change when your boss changes, when your friends change, when your parents change, when your partner changes, when your company changes. Your life changes when YOU change, when you go beyond your limiting beliefs, when you realize that you are the only one responsible for your life.*

***"The most important relationship you can have, is the one you have with yourself."***

## ! HOWLERS!

**"Your class look likes this!"**

**"Don't touch the glass, while holding it!"**

**"The Mayo College is getting changing!"**

**"Keep your cupboard locked when it is open!"**

**"We will be lunching in Mango Curry!"**

**"I am buying a brand new MP3 player, which is second hand!"**

**"Tie the shoes of your lace!"**

**"Teeth your brush properly!"**

*Heard somebody speaking very weird English?  
Send us the howlers at [editor@mayocollege.com](mailto:editor@mayocollege.com)*

## Know About... Children's Day

*Children's Day is to celebrate "childhood". On Children's Day tribute is payed to all children in the world. Children are loved by one and all. They win over our hearts with their angelic eyes and innocent smiles. It makes one realise that maybe that's the way God wanted us to be.*

*India's first prime minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, was born on November 14. After his death in 1963, his birthday has been celebrated as children's Day in India. Children's Day is not just a day to let the future generation have its say. It is a day to remember a leader who, in his quiet but determined way, laid the foundation to convert a nascent nation into a world power.*

*But why Children's Day? Apart from being known for his skills as a statesman, Nehru was also immensely fond of children. The more popular and famous of Nehru's pictures show him with children.*

*In all the photographs Nehru's joy at being with children is apparent. When he is not sharing pleasantries with them, the expression of intense concentration as he listens to them reveals his commitment and attitude to children. Children to Nehru were little adults in the making. Nehru, to children, is never the Indian political leader and prime minister. He is always Chacha Nehru - Nehru Uncle.*

*The story also goes that he started to wear a rose on his jacket after a child pinned one on it. The national children's centre, Jawahar Bal Bhavan, is also named after Jawaharlal Nehru. Children's Day is literally that. It is the day when children all over the country are pampered with goodies. From the schoolchild's point of view, the best thing perhaps is that it is a special day at school - they need not wear uniforms and are given sweets.*

## Wooden Bowls!

A frail old man lived with his son, his daughter-in-law, and his four-year-old grandson. His eyes were blurry, his hands trembled, and his step faltered.

The family would eat together nightly at the dinner table. But the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating rather difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon, drooping to the floor. When he grasped his glass of milk, it often spilled clumsily at the tablecloth.

With this happening almost every night, the son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess.

"We must do something about grandfather," said the son.

"I've had enough of his milk spilling, noisy eating and food on the floor," the daughter-in-law agreed.

So the couple set a small table at the corner.

There, grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed their dinner at the dinner table. Since grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in wooden bowls. Sometimes when the family glanced in grandfather's direction, he had a tear in his eye as he ate alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food. The four-year-old watched it all in silence.

One evening, before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child sweetly: "What are you making?" Just as sweetly, the boy replied, "Oh, I'm making a little bowl for you and mama to eat your food from when I grow up." The four-year-old smiled and went back to work.

These words so struck the parents that they were speechless. Then tears streamed down their cheeks. Though no words were spoken, both knew what must be done. That evening, the husband took grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table.

For the remainder of his days, grandfather ate every meal with the family. And for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk was spilled or the table cloth was soiled.



*Banta Singh finished his English exam and came out of the hall. His friends asked him how did he do his exam, to which he replied "Exam was okay, but for the past tense of THINK, I really thought, thought, thought hard... and at last wrote - THUNK "*

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*Having lost his donkey, Santa got down to his knees and started thanking God. A passerby saw him and asked, "Your donkey is missing; what are you thanking God for?"*

*"Santa replied "I am thanking Him for seeing to it that I wasn't riding the donkey at that time, otherwise I would have been missing too."*

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*Santa: I got married because I was tired of cooking, cleaning home and washing clothes.*

*Banta: Amazing, I got divorce for the same reason.*

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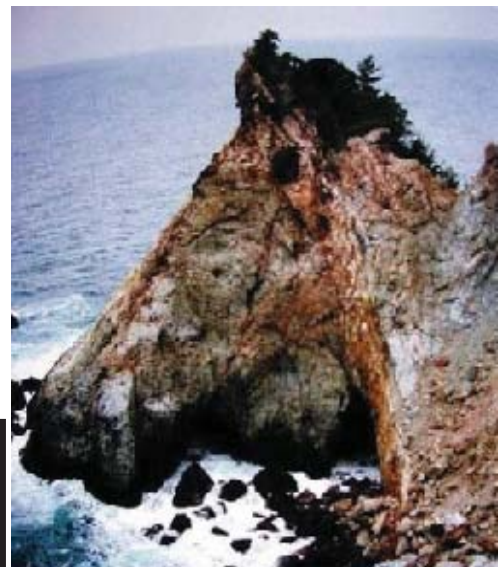
**A**s Gandhi stepped aboard a train one day, one of his shoes slipped off and landed on the track. He was unable to retrieve it as the train was moving. To the amazement of his companions, Gandhi calmly took off his other shoe and threw it back along the track to land close to the first. Asked by a fellow passenger why he did so, Gandhi smiled. "The poor man who finds the shoes lying on the track," he replied, "will now have a pair he can use."

## IN THE PICS



**WORLD TRADE CENTRE**  
(left) The explosion of the WTC  
(right) The future WTC (in making)

## ILLUSION



*Horse or island?*

## NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

The Lost Symbol- Dan Brown

The Storyteller's Tale- Omair Ahmad

No Guns at son's funeral- Paro Anand

2 States: The Story of My Marriage- Chetan Bhagat

Wolf Hall- Hilary Mantel

Salim Must Die- Mukul Deva

What on Earth happened?- Christopher Lloyd

## SIZZLING FACTS

If you are right handed, you will tend to chew your food on your right side. If you are left handed, you will tend to chew your food on your left side.

Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying.

It cost 7 million dollars to build the Titanic and 200 million to make a film about it.

The reason honey is so easy to digest is that it's already been digested by a bee.

Google is actually the common name for a number with a million zeros.

Human hair and fingernails continue to grow after death.

Most football players run 10 km in a game.

The average person laughs 13 times a day.



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